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Gunfire inside Riverside County building garage

Riverside Police investigate County Sheriff's Deputy-involved shooting

Riverside, CA -- The Riverside Police Department, assisted by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, is investigating a shooting incident that occurred in the parking garage adjacent to the Riverside County Administration Building, 4080 Lemon St., in Downtown Riverside.

On Thursday morning, January 24, a female County employee with concern for her safety asked for a deputy to escort her to her car, parked in the garage. She expressed worry that a male friend of hers might be in violation of a court order that prohibited him from contacting her. While at the garage, a Riverside County Sheriff's Deputy encountered the male subject who was the cause of the female's concern.



During the encounter, the deputy fired his weapon, which was contained to the immediate area of the vehicle. The vehicle fled the scene, crashing through the wooden garage barrier arms and continuing northbound on Lemon Street. Neither the woman nor the deputy were injured. He is identified as Eric David Schnell, 31 of Rancho Cucamonga (Photo attached).

Investigators from the Inland Regional Apprehension Team located SCHNELL at a house in Norco during the evening hours. He was arrested by members of the Riverside County Sheriff's SWAT Team at approximately 2:00 am on Friday morning, January 25, 2008. He was not injured. His charges are Assault with a Deadly weapon, Vandalism, Resisting a Public Officer and a Violation of Parole. He was booked at the Robert Presley Detention Center.

Anyone with information helpful to this investigation is asked to call Riverside Police Detective Ron Sanfilippo at (951) 353-7105 or Detective Mike Medici at (951) 353-7014.

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